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June 27, 2012

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A
GENERAL CONTRACT AGREEMENT FROM THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND
TERRITORIAL EPIDEMIOLOGISTS FOR THE BIOSENSE 2.0 REDESIGN PROJECT**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on April 19, 2011, to accept and execute grants and awards from federal, State, and other public and private agencies in amounts not to exceed \$100,000 per term, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will accept a General Contract Agreement (GCA) from the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, for the period of June 26, 2012 through December 31, 2012, in the amount of \$21,000.

These funds will enable the Department of Public Health (DPH) to introduce a data connection upgrade to DPH's syndromic surveillance system, BioSense 2.0, to local syndromic-surveillance participating hospitals. The upgrade provides a fully functional electronic health data source to assist key hospital infection control, emergency, and information technology staff, so that disease outbreak investigations can be conducted in a timely manner.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the GCA as to form and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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